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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0009

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michiaki SANO) Group Art Unit: 1765
Serial No.: 09/671,201) Examiner: L. Vinh
Filed: September 28, 2000)
For: PLASMA PROCESSING)
METHOD)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action dated July 3, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7-9, 29-31, and 35-37 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 10-28, 32-34, and 38-40 are pending in this
application, with claims 10, 15, 18, 21, 26, 32, and 38 being independent claims. No
claim has been amended.